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(c) It is never possible to say that no *other* suitable person is available for nomination in any particular vacancy. The Government are, however, satisfied that there was in this instance no *more* suitable person for nomination, after considering the claims of members of other communities.

(d) & (e) No.

(f) A list [a] of members as on 30th September 1928 is laid on the table. No later list is available.

Municipal Councils

Recovery of the defalcated amount in Tellicherry municipality.

*1178 *Q.*—Mr. K. Uppi Sahib: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether a shroff of the Tellicherry municipality was prosecuted and convicted for defalcation of the municipal money;

(b) whether the municipality realized the amount from anybody;

(c) whether the Committee appointed by the Municipal Council to enquire into the matter submitted a report to the Government; and

(d) whether the Government will be pleased to take necessary steps to recoup the loss sustained by the Council, if the Council had not yet realized the amount?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) The Committee appointed by the Council submitted its report to the Council and the Government have perused a copy of it.

(d) The Government understand that the Municipal Council proposes to file suits against the shroff and his sureties for the recovery of the amounts embezzled by the shroff.

The Examiner of Local Fund Accounts is considering the question of surcharging the loss.

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Working of the Devasthanam Committees.

*1179 *Q.*—Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether any report has been called for as regards the working of the newly formed Devasthanam Committees in the several districts;

(b) whether he has decided to renew the existing committees or to hold elections or to reconstitute the committees for another year;

(c) what is the basis on which he proposes to arrive at a decision in the matter;

[a] Printed as Appendix V on pages 417-419 infra.